

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1279****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John F. Keenan***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act regulating flavored tobacco products.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/7/2019</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/28/2019</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>5/9/2019</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>5/9/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>5/14/2019</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1279) of John F. Keenan, Carolyn C. Dykema, Jason M. Lewis, Donald H. Wong and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate flavored tobacco products. Public Health.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act regulating flavored tobacco products.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 270 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 157 of the acts of  
2   2018, is hereby amended by inserting after section 27 the following section:-

3           Section 28. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following  
4   meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

5           “Characterizing Flavor”, means a distinguishable taste or aroma, other than the taste or  
6   aroma of tobacco, imparted or detectable either prior to or during consumption of a tobacco  
7   product or component part thereof, including but not limited to, a taste or aroma relating to any  
8   fruit, chocolate, vanilla, honey, candy, cocoa, dessert, alcoholic beverage, menthol, mint,  
9   wintergreen, herb or spice; provided, however, that no tobacco product shall be determined to  
10   have a characterizing flavor solely because of the provision of ingredient information or the use  
11   of additives or flavorings that do not contribute to the distinguishable taste or aroma of the  
12   product.

13 “Component part”, any element of a tobacco product, including, but not limited to, the  
14 tobacco, filter and paper, but not including any constituent.

15 “Constituent”, any ingredient, substance, chemical or compound, other than tobacco,  
16 water or reconstituted tobacco sheet, that is added by the manufacturer to a tobacco product  
17 during the processing, manufacturing or packaging of the tobacco product. Such term shall  
18 include a smoke constituent.

19 “Distinguishable”, perceivable by either the sense of smell or taste.

20 “Flavored cigarette”, any cigarette, or any component part thereof, that contains or  
21 imparts a characterizing flavor.

22 “Flavored tobacco product”, any tobacco product as defined in section 6, or any  
23 component part thereof, that contains a constituent that has or produces a characterizing flavor. A  
24 public statement, claim or indicia made or disseminated by the manufacturer of a tobacco  
25 product, or by any person authorized or permitted by the manufacturer to make or disseminate  
26 public statements concerning such tobacco product, that such tobacco product has or produces a  
27 characterizing flavor shall constitute presumptive evidence that the tobacco product is a flavored  
28 tobacco product.

29 “Smoke Constituent”, any chemical or chemical compound in mainstream or sidestream  
30 tobacco smoke that either transfers from any component of the tobacco product to the smoke or  
31 that is formed by the combustion or heating of tobacco, additives or other component of the  
32 tobacco product.

“Tobacco product”, any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, or electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipes, electronic hookah, or other similar products, regardless of nicotine content, that rely on vaporization or aerosolization. “Tobacco product” includes any component or part of a tobacco product. “Tobacco product” does not include any product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration either as a tobacco use cessation product or for other medical purposes and which is being marketed and sold or prescribed solely for the approved purpose.

(b) No retailer, retail establishment, or other person or entity shall sell or distribute or cause to be sold or distributed or offer for sale any flavored cigarette to any consumer.

(c) No person or entity shall sell or distribute or cause to be sold or distributed or offer for sale any flavored tobacco product to any consumer, except in a smoking bar as defined in section 22.

(d) A person who violates this section shall be subject to the same fines established for violations of section 6.